

## Larimer County Community Survey Report

May 10, 2023 @ 6:30pm via Zoom Emily Hunt, City of Thornton

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# Welcome & thank you for participating!

#### Agenda

- Introduction to the Thornton Water Project
- Purpose of the Community Survey
- What to expect from Thornton & this process
- Presentation of survey results from Keating Research

#### Logistics

- Ask questions about the survey via Zoom Chat
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- Please email <u>info@thorntonwaterproject.com</u>
  for project-related questions and feedback

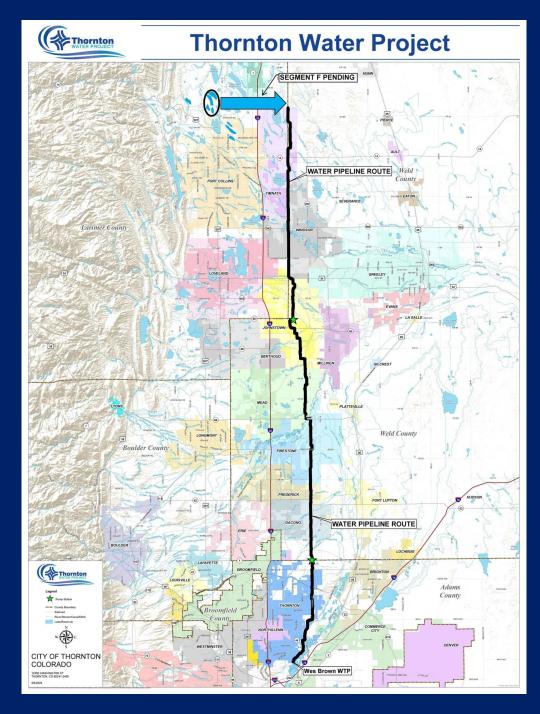
The Thornton Water Project is a 70-mile-long pipeline that will bring water purchased by Thornton in the 1980s through Larimer, Weld and Adams counties to the city of Thornton.

#### **Larimer County Segment (Segment F)**

Approximately 10 miles of the 70-mile pipeline route

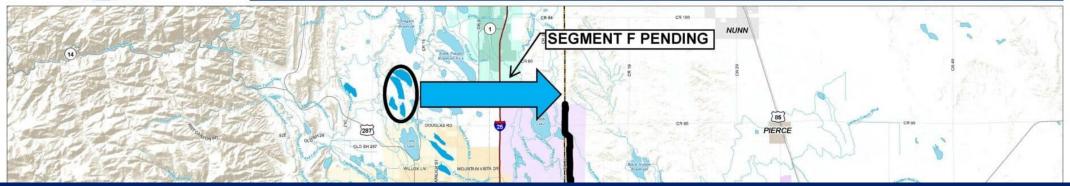
#### **Project Status**

- Regulatory approval & property acquired obtained on approximately 60 miles of pipeline
- 7 miles of pipeline installed
- Additional construction in 2023





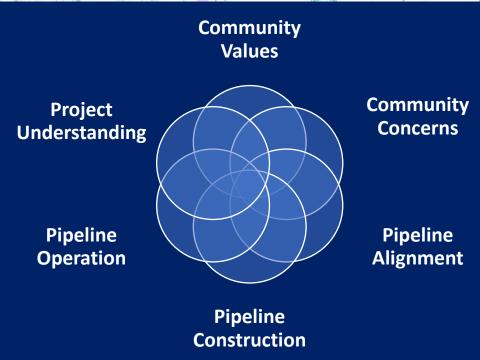
## **Thornton Water Project**



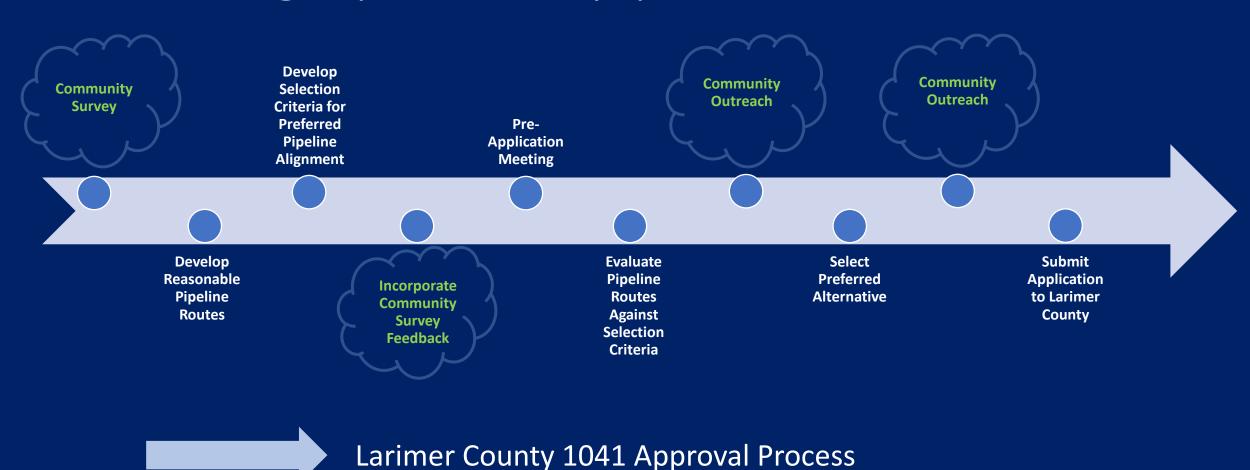
This **Community Survey** will be used by Thornton to inform the planning and selection of its pipeline route through Larimer County.

This is one of many opportunities to share your feedback, ask questions, and engage with Thornton during this process.

We want to hear from you!



## Selecting a preferred pipeline route ...



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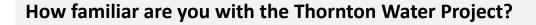
### **Community Water Pipeline Survey Method**

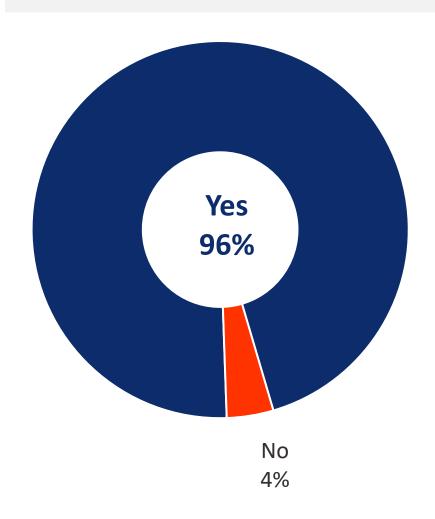
- The Community Water Pipeline Survey was sponsored by the City of Thornton and conducted by Keating Research, Inc.
- The survey was conducted online over four weeks from April 5 May 2, 2023.
- A targeted list of 409 households in Larimer County, Colorado were mailed a letter which contained link and a QR code to complete the survey to submit anonymous responses.
- A follow-up reminder postcard was mailed to all 409 households after two weeks.
- Respondents were given the opportunity to complete the survey in Spanish.
- These results are based on the 78 respondents who completed the survey.
- The worst-case margin of error at the 95% level for this sample of 78 respondents is + or 10.0%.
- The response rate for this survey is 19%.

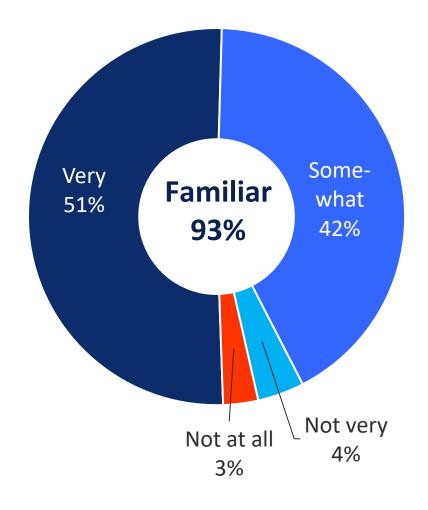


## **Familiarity with the Thornton Water Project**

Do you live in Larimer County, Colorado?



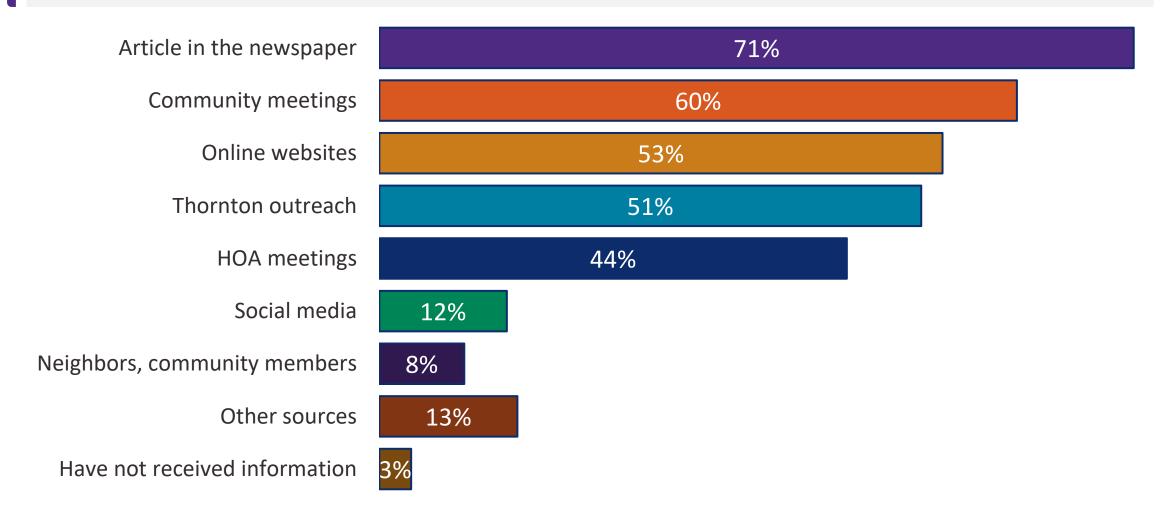






### Thornton Water Project Information Sources

Please tell us how you have received information about the Thornton Water Project? Multiple Response Question





#### **Pipeline Construction and Route**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The pipeline construction should minimize impacts to private property.

The raw water pump station should be located where it doesn't impact private property.

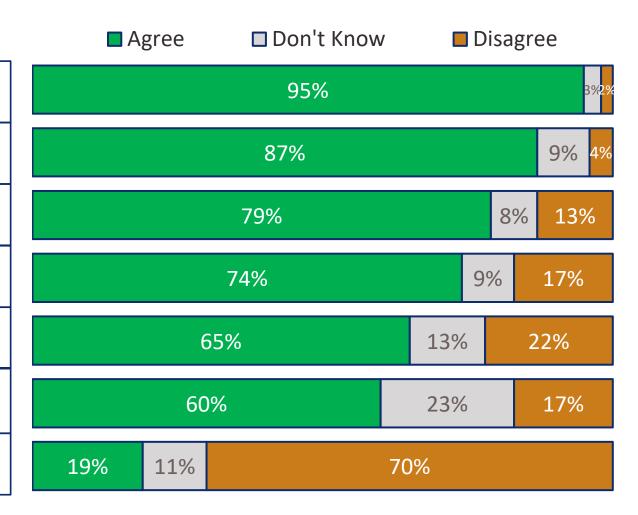
The pipeline route should impact community traffic patterns during construction as little as possible.

The pipeline route should impact the fewest number of properties as possible, regardless of length.

The pipeline construction should be completed as quickly as possible even if it means longer construction hours.

Construction of the pipeline at the same time and in the same location as other major water transmission lines (such as the Northern Integrated Supply Project – NISP – pipeline) should be considered.

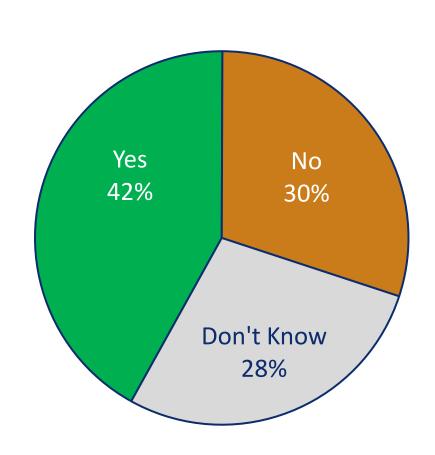
The length of the pipeline route should be as short as possible, regardless of the number of impacted properties.

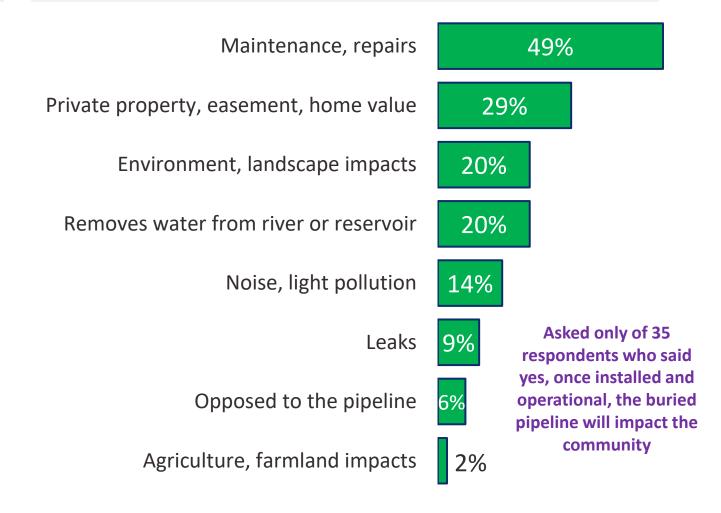




Once construction is complete and the pipeline is installed and operational, do you believe the buried pipeline will impact the community, or not?

Please explain how the pipeline will impact the community once it's installed and operational?





#### Temporary Impacts of the Pipeline Construction

Please indicate how concerned you are about the following temporary impacts of the pipeline construction?

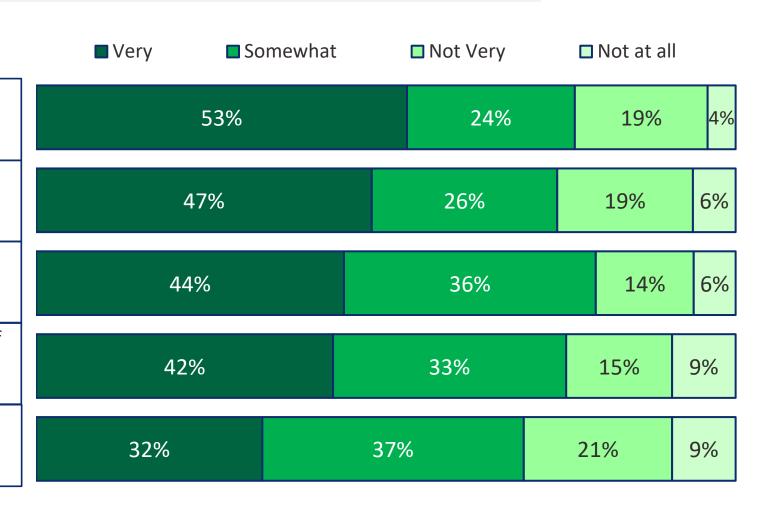
The environmental impacts associated with the construction of the pipeline.

The wildlife impacts associated with the construction of the pipeline.

The dust associated with the construction of the pipeline.

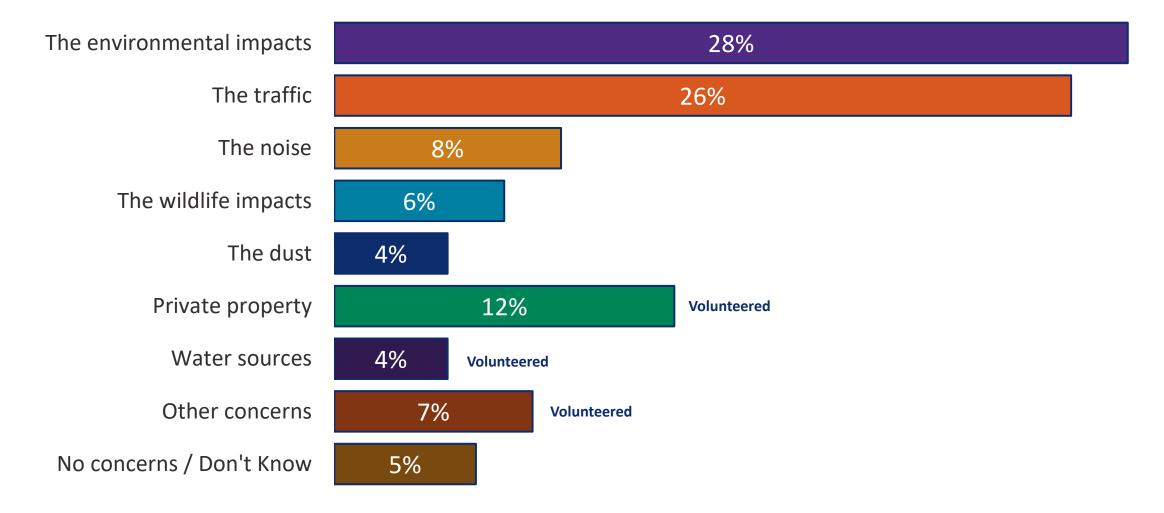
The traffic impacts associated with the construction of the pipeline, such as road closures, lane closures, detours, etc.

The noise associated with the construction of the pipeline.





#### Which one of the five temporary impacts of the pipeline construction are you the most concerned about?

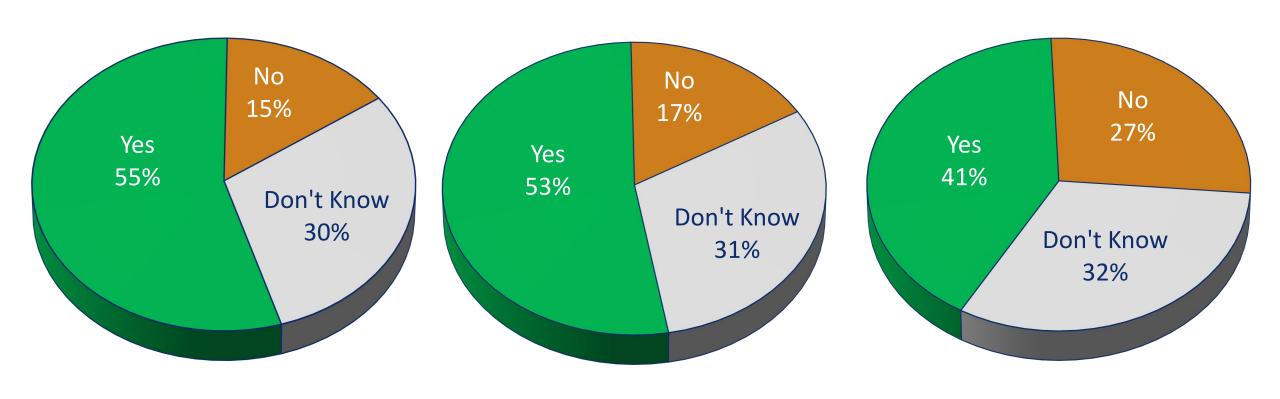




Do you think Thornton will maintain access to properties during construction, or not?

Do you think Thornton will compensate property owners for easements that allow for the construction of the buried pipeline on their property, or not?

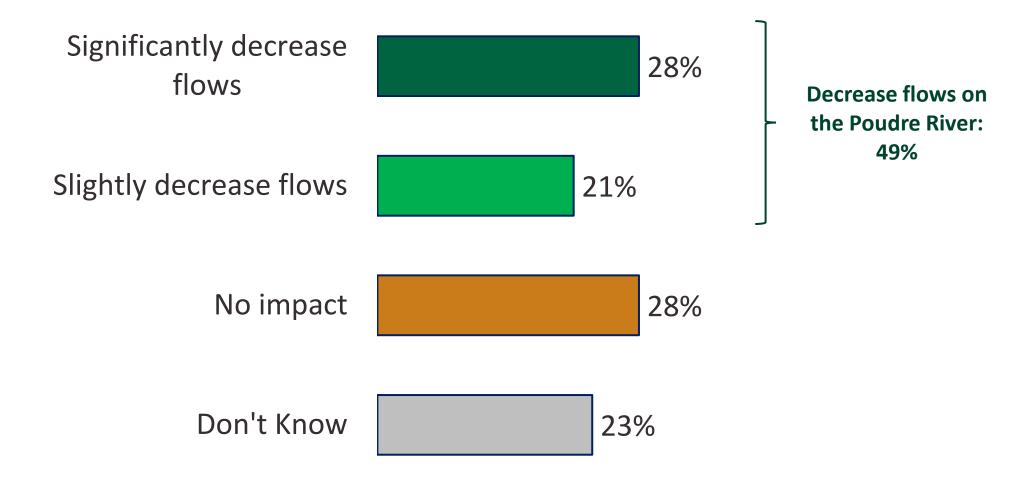
Do you think Thornton will restore impacted properties to preconstruction condition in consultation with property owners, or not?





### Impact on the Poudre River

How much impact do you think the Thornton Water Project will have on river flows in the Poudre River?





### Importance of Various Thornton Community Efforts

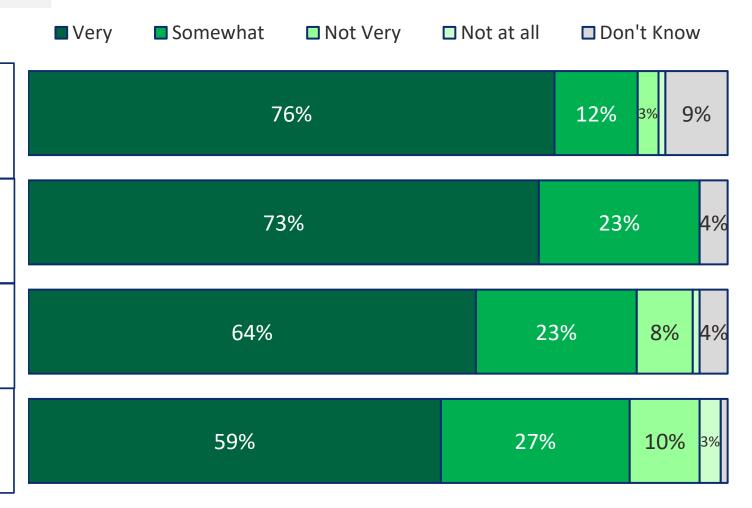
Please indicate the importance of the following efforts?

Thornton should strive to maintain historical water levels in the Water Supply and Storage Company Reservoirs.

Thornton should work with the community to protect and improve the Poudre River Watershed.

Thornton should work with the community to preserve open spaces in Larimer County.

Thornton should work with the community to preserve agriculture in Larimer County.





#### **Additional Feedback**

#### Please help us by providing any additional feedback about the Thornton Water Project?

Optional question, responses categorized, multiple responses accepted: n=59

